Because of the limited working season no further expenditure is anticipated in this financial year.

On the basis of Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by M/s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services (RITES) the estimated cost of Rohtang Tunnel and other related works is Rs. 1709.35 crore. The work relating to construction of access roads and alternate route to Leh is already under progress by the Border Roads Organisation and construction of tunnel will be taken up through a contractor for which global tenders would be invited.

Construction of tunnel and other related works will provide strategic operational support to the Army and lead to economic development of the area. This will also reduce the distance between Manali and Leh by 40 kms.

The work relating to construction of tunnel and other related works is proposed to be completed by 2011-2012, which is beyond the Xth Five Year Plan, which culminates in 2007.

Organizing the scattered units of handloom industry

*†210. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to organize the scattered units of the handloom industry;

(b) If so, whether it is a fact that for the development of the handloom industry it is necessary that these scattered units are got registered after organizing them; and

(c) if so, the steps taken so far by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA):

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Statement

(a) to (c) The Government of India has various developmental and welfare schemes for the handloom weavers as a whole including those under the scattered units, though there is no specific scheme for the development of the scattered units. The details of developmental and welfare schemes being implemented by the Government of India are given as under:—

Development Schemes:

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.
2. Handloom Export Scheme.
3. Marketing Promotion Programme.
4. Design Development & Training Programme.
5. Mill Gate Price Scheme.
6. Integrated Handloom Training Programme.
7. Scheme for reimbursement of One time rebate @ 10% given by the Handloom agencies on sale of handloom cloth.

Welfare Schemes

1. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.
2. Health Package Scheme.
3. Thrift Fund Scheme.
4. Bunkar Bima Yojana.
5. New Insurance Scheme.

Grants to Chhattisgarh under IWDP, DPAP, DDP and TDET programmes

†*211. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided in the last two years to the State of Chhattisgarh under the Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP), Drought

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